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Introduction

This bibliography is the first of a series upon American Social Questions prepared by the students of the Wisconsin Library School, Class of 1908, and submitted by them in fulfillment of the requirements for graduation. The aim in publishing the bibliographies is to supply carefully chosen reading references to up-to-date books and recent magazines bearing on urgent question which are before the people. These questions have all aroused general popular interest and are widely discussed. Among them are Immigration, Proverty, Excessive Wealth, Municipal Government, the Increase of Crime, and the Labor Problem. Although the mass of material which has accumulated on all of these questions is considerable the lists have been kept small and the references carefully selected and annotated with the needs of the small library in view.

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